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## Poland

## Oilseeds and Products

## Rapeseed Update

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**Report Highlights:**

The latest official production estimates for 2004 confirm the highest production level in more than a decade. The new production estimate has been revised up within the range of 0.2-0.4 MMT from the previous official estimate in July.

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The Main Statistical Office (GUS) crop estimate, published September 23, sets rapeseed production in Poland at 1.49 MMT. The production level is the highest since 1990 and has been confirmed by various market and industry sources.

According to GUS, during 2004 rapeseed was planted on 538,000 hectares, 26.3% larger than in 2003. Besides from increased acreage, the major reason for the significant production increase was the unusually favorable agro-meteorological conditions. There was excellent weather during the entire growing season, which contributed significantly to the record high yield. The estimated record 2004 rapeseed yield is 2.77 tons/hectare, almost double the freeze and drought effected 2003 production level. The rapeseed crop is estimated at 1.49 MMT, 88.2% higher than the 2003 crop and 76% more than the average crop level for 1996-2000.

It is estimated that domestic crushing this MY will be 1.05 MMT, almost 300,000 tons higher than last season. About 300,000 tons will be exported, of which about 2/3rd will be exported outside of the EU. Also, part of the crop will be used to rebuild rapeseed stocks.

Below is a revised rapeseed table:

RAPESEED	2002/03 MY2002 July/June	2003/04 MY2003 July/June	2004/05 MY2004 OLD July/June	2004/05 MY2004 NEW July/June
AREA PLANTED	449	573	525	563
AREA HARV.	439	426	500	538
BEG.STOCKS	0	8	0	0
PRODUCTION	953	793	1300	1500
MY IMPORTS	7	40	20	0
MY IMP. U.S.	0	0	0	0
MY IMP.FM EC	2	10	20	0
TOT.SUPPLY	960	841	1320	1500
MY EXPORTS	30	6	250	300
MY EXP.TO EC	8	6	10	100
CRUSH D.C.	853	775	950	1050
FOOD D.C.	0	0	0	0
FEED D.C.	69	60	80	100
TOTAL D.CON.S.	922	835	1030	1150
END.STOCKS	8	0	40	50
TOTAL DISTR.	960	841	1320	1500
CY IMPORTS	13	40	20	0
CY IMP.U.S.	0	0	0	0
CY EXPORTS	6	100	250	250
CY EXP.TO US	0	0	0	0